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To health. TOMORROW'S PROMISE.



DEAR FRIENDS,



At Memorial Hermann Foundation, we are proud to support a health system whose vision is clear and imperative: to build healthier communities, now and for generations to come. In this issue, we are honored to share the profound difference philanthropy is making across our region—from easier access to vital maternal health care to groundbreaking cancer prevention and survivorship programs.

Thanks to a unique community partnership, Memorial Hermann recently celebrated the launch of the first Mom & Baby Mobile Health Center® in Texas, a program designed to address our alarming maternal mortality rates by bringing essential care directly to the women who need it most. In addition, community support continues to strengthen our efforts in breast and ovarian cancer early detection and outreach through milestone events, such as the *Razzle Dazzle* and *In the Pink of Health* luncheons.

This year's *Can't Stop the Feeling* and *Boot Scootin' Boogie* galas were shining examples of what's possible when purpose and passion unite. Together, these events raised significant funds to expand Memorial Hermann Life Flight® and invest in this indispensable part of our region's safety net.

Finally, the triumphant journeys of patients Rylee, Alese and Mark are truly awe-inspiring.

To every donor, volunteer and friend—thank you. Your continued commitment inspires progress and provides real hope to countless individuals and families across the communities we serve.

To health,

Anne E. Neeson
Executive Vice President & CEO
Memorial Hermann Foundation

Pictured above: Anne, with Memorial Hermann Foundation Board Member Amy Pierce and her husband, Rob Pierce

SAVING MOMS AND BABIES

In a powerful partnership with March of Dimes and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Memorial Hermann Health System tackles a growing maternal and infant health crisis by taking lifesaving maternal care on the road to serve our most vulnerable communities across Greater Houston.

Texas faces a crisis in maternal health. Severe maternal morbidity (SMM), which includes serious underlying health conditions that can lead to pregnancy complications or even death, is rising. Harris County has one of the highest SMM rates in the country. Worse, most complications and pregnancy-related deaths are preventable.

Understanding the urgent need for unconventional intervention, community leaders recently celebrated the launch of Texas's first March of Dimes Mom & Baby Mobile Health Center® at Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital.

"The Mom & Baby Mobile Health Center® allows us to bring quality care directly to patients where they feel most comfortable."

Teal Holden, senior vice president of Ambulatory Services, Post-Acute Care and Community Health, Memorial Hermann Health System

Memorial Hermann operates this 30-foot mobile clinic, which features two fully equipped exam rooms, to bring high-quality prenatal and women's health care directly to underserved women in their neighborhoods. Over time, the health center becomes a trusted medical home for ongoing care.

"We're able to give vulnerable women access to lifesaving medical care—helping support healthy pregnancies and avoid preventable tragedies," says Malisha Patel, MHA, FACHE, senior vice president and CEO, Memorial Hermann Southwest and Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospitals.



Representatives from Memorial Hermann, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and March of Dimes celebrate the ribbon cutting of the Mom & Baby Mobile Health Center®.

"This innovative program reflects our commitment to improving community health by confronting the root causes of care disparities."

"There are so many barriers to care," says Teal Holden, senior vice president of Ambulatory Services, Post-Acute Care and Community Health at Memorial Hermann. "This mobile health center meets patients where they are, eliminating transportation and system-navigation obstacles."

The March of Dimes mobile clinic began serving southwest Houston in January 2025. The Memorial Hermann care team travels a set route to various community centers three times a week, focusing on areas with the highest SMM rates, such as west and south Houston.

Each year, Memorial Hermann cares for more than 25,000 laboring mothers of all backgrounds and is dedicated to reducing the stark racial and ethnic disparities that impact maternal health outcomes.

Through Memorial Hermann Community Health, the system also operates four community resource centers and partners with local organizations to offer services, including well-woman and prenatal exams, lab tests, health screenings, newborn care, referrals for high-risk pregnancies and comprehensive health resource navigation.

"This mobile center is another powerful tool in Memorial Hermann's mission to advance maternal health," says Anne Neeson, executive vice president and CEO of the Memorial Hermann Foundation. "We're proud to have helped facilitate this important partnership. Caring for moms and babies is at the heart of caring for community."

Memorial Hermann is determined to improve the overall quality of life for every mom and every child in our community—and every mom-to-be and child-to-be.

TEXAS MATERNAL HEALTH

by the numbers

80% of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable

28.2 death rate of moms per 100,000 births

22% of moms receive inadequate prenatal care

3x Black women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related cause than white women

MOM & BABY MOBILE HEALTH CENTER® HIGHLIGHTS

Prenatal care Wellness

OB/GYN care Vaccinations

Postpartum care Health education

Primary care Health screenings

Newborn care



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Anne Neeson, executive vice president and CEO, Memorial Hermann Foundation



DANCING THROUGH ADVERSITY

Motivated by her own health challenges, Rylee becomes a child patient advocate and plans for a future as a Child Life specialist to help others.

At the age of 10, Rylee was diagnosed with Hurler-Scheie syndrome—a rare genetic disorder that affects nearly every part of the body. Rylee's medical journey began long before that, as her mother, Jamie, noticed Rylee struggled to straighten her arms and legs.

After years of seeking help in Corpus Christi, the family consulted with the medical genetics team affiliated with Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital, where they finally found answers—and a path forward.

Because her condition affects multiple organ systems, Rylee's care required a multidisciplinary team of specialists working in harmony. She began with enzyme replacement therapy to slow the progression of her disease.

"We did this once a week for six months," says Jamie. "Every week, she had six-hour infusions. It was a long process, but it kept her going."

As the disease progressed, Rylee developed a serious heart condition. At age 15, she needed open-heart surgery to replace a failing mitral valve.

"I want to show other kids that even when things seem impossible, there's still light."

Rylee

Her innovative care team, affiliated with the Children's Heart Institute at Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital, used an adult heart valve to give her the best chance at long-term health.

Just two days after surgery, Rylee was up and walking again.

But her strength doesn't end there. Despite her multiple surgeries, frequent medical appointments and complex treatments, Rylee continues to thrive. She dances competitively, excels at school and serves on the Child Patient Advocacy Council at Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital. Inspired by her Child Life specialist, she now dreams of becoming one herself—someone who empowers children to face uncertainty with courage and ensures they have a voice in their care.

"Don't give up," Rylee says. "There's a reason I'm still walking, talking and dancing. It's because I have an army of people supporting me. We're all in this together."

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Rylee





RAZZLE DAZZLE

This annual event's 15-year history of passionate leadership inspires Hall of Fame recognition.

MEMBERS OF THE RAZZLE DAZZLE HALL OF FAME

Pictured above

Tony Bradfield • Julie Comiskey • Whitney Crane • Regina Garcia • Grace Kim • Donna Vallone • Lisa Simon
Jerry Simon • Robin Mueck • Bobetta Lindig • Sheridan Williams • Karen Stall • Laura Ward • Kristina Somerville
Amy Pierce • Jo Lynn Falgout • Yvonne Cormier, MD • Ellen Cohen • Caroline Brown • Will Brown • Philamena Baird

Not pictured

Sandy Barrett • Eileen Campbell† • Ann Cazalot • Claire Cormier Thielke • Nina Hendee • Suzie Johnson
Cora Sue Mach • Mary Ann McKeithan • Wendy Mitchell • Christine Napier • Bobbie Nau • Stephanie Tsuru

Hallie Vanderhider • Lynn Wyatt

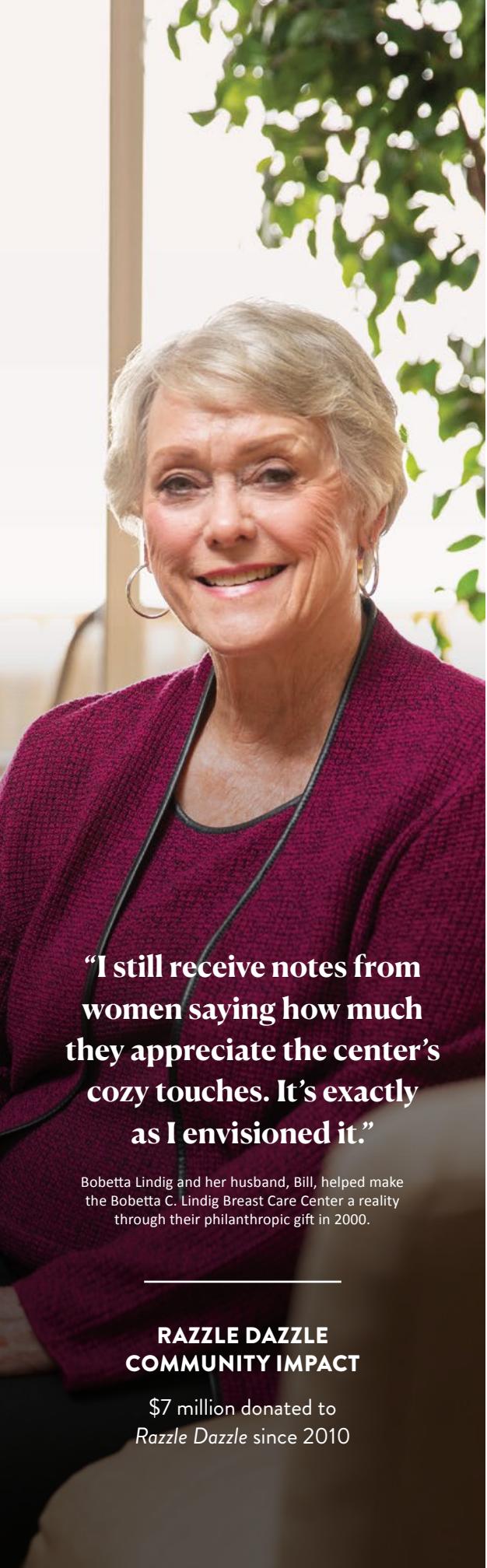
The 2024 Razzle Dazzle Luncheon at the Post Oak Hotel was an especially meaningful affair as Memorial Hermann Foundation named past event chairs and honorees to the inaugural Razzle Dazzle Hall of Fame for their leadership and support over the last 15 years.

These amazing individuals have made an incredible impact on our community and are passionate advocates and dear friends to Memorial Hermann.

Event Chair Sheridan Williams, a breast cancer survivor herself, knows the importance of early detection and exceptional health care. She wanted to create an entertaining and inspiring atmosphere, all for a very personal cause.

Guests enjoyed being interviewed on the pink carpet by Houston Astros Sideline Reporter Julia Morales, and PaperCity Society Editor Shelby Hodges. Later, the program featured a runway show of Jenny Packham's latest collection and a showcase of Temple St. Clair jewelry, presented by Tony Bradfield of Tenenbaum Jewelers.

Jenny Packham, also a breast cancer survivor, shared her personal story in an interview with Dancie Ware, public relations professional. The event raised more than \$1 million, breaking all previous records, in support of Memorial Hermann's breast cancer early detection, outreach programs and breast care centers.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES

Our annual fundraising luncheon, benefiting breast cancer early detection and outreach programs, has become a high-profile event for all the right reasons.

Breast cancer touches everyone's life. Aside from skin cancer, it is the most common cancer in women in the United States, and it continues to affect growing numbers of women and men, particularly women under the age of 50.

Over the years, *Razzle Dazzle* luncheons have showcased inspiring stories from breast cancer survivors, friends and family members. Courageous heroes share deeply personal experiences and memories for no other reason than to help others across our community do what they can to avoid a similar fate.

1 in 8
women will be diagnosed
with invasive breast
cancer

44%
reduction in breast
cancer deaths since 1989

99%
five-year survival rate for
breast cancer diagnosed at
a localized stage

In 2000, Bobetta and Bill Lindig provided worthy inspiration for this event with a philanthropic gift to Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center to establish a new kind of breast care center.

The Bobetta C. Lindig Breast Care Center at Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center opened in 2007. It offers a full range of advanced screening and diagnostic services, including tomosynthesis 3D mammogram technology, allowing physicians to detect smaller tumors sooner. The caring staff provides early answers, the best treatment options available and emotional support in a beautifully appointed, intimate setting, just as Bobetta envisioned it.

To support this state-of-the-art center and benefit other breast cancer early detection and outreach programs, friends and fellow breast cancer survivors Ann Cazalot, Suzie Johnson, Karen Stall and Donna Vallone came together in 2010 to chair Memorial Hermann Foundation's first *Razzle Dazzle 'Em Pink!* luncheon, and they continue to support the event today.

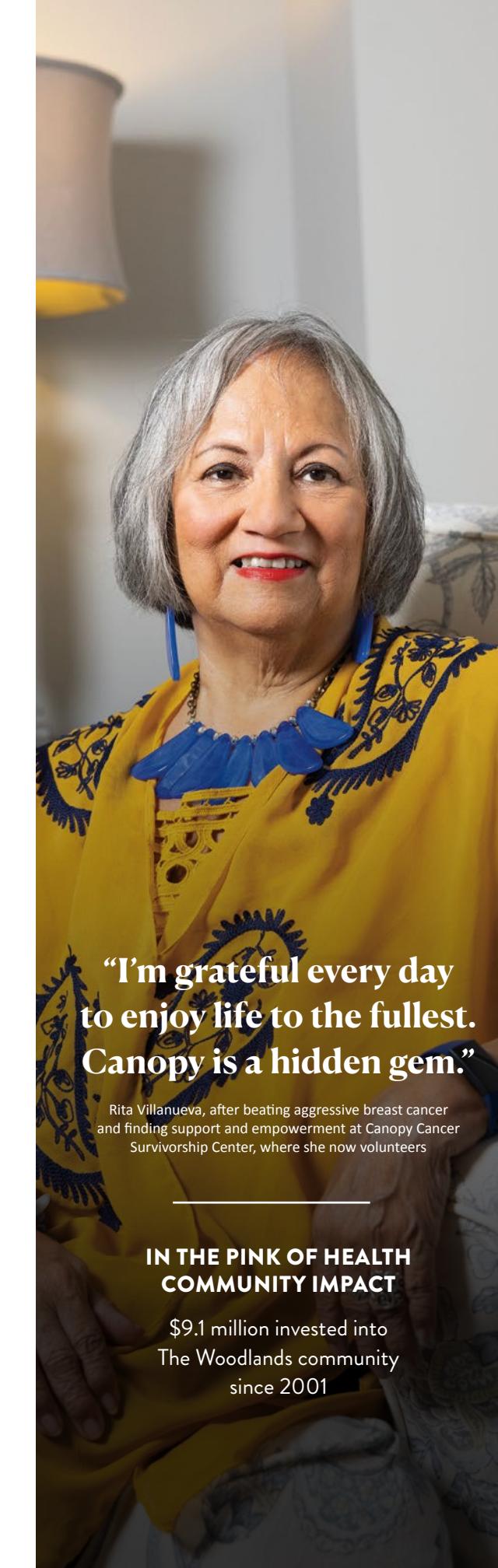
Since its inception, donors have contributed more than \$7 million to *Razzle Dazzle*. Proceeds from the event have provided potentially lifesaving mammograms for women otherwise unable to obtain this vital service and state-of-the-art technology to Memorial Hermann Breast Care Centers. The Bobetta C. Lindig Breast Care Center received funding to implement contrast-enhanced mammogram technology that enables high-quality images and precise information to support treatment planning—saving lives through early detection and swift intervention.

"I still receive notes from women saying how much they appreciate the center's cozy touches. It's exactly as I envisioned it."

Bobetta Lindig and her husband, Bill, helped make the Bobetta C. Lindig Breast Care Center a reality through their philanthropic gift in 2000.

RAZZLE DAZZLE COMMUNITY IMPACT

\$7 million donated to
Razzle Dazzle since 2010



IN THE PINK OF HEALTH COMMUNITY IMPACT

\$9.1 million invested into
The Woodlands community
since 2001

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

IN THE PINK OF HEALTH

The 24th annual luncheon raised more than \$800,000 for cancer prevention, detection and support services.



Patti Jorgensen and Michelle Leary (2024 co-chairs), Shannon Miller, Justin Kendrick

Since its inception in 2001, our annual *In the Pink of Health* luncheon has invested more than \$9.1 million of event proceeds in The Woodlands community, with a strong focus on Canopy, a first-of-its-kind cancer survivorship center at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center.

Over the years, *In The Pink* donors have supported state-of-the-art technology at Memorial Hermann's Breast Care Center, breast and ovarian cancer prevention initiatives, community outreach and education, free mammograms for underserved women and ongoing support to Canopy.

Canopy by the numbers

2016
first year
of service

45+
programs
and services

1,000+
guest encounters
per month

Canopy provides free support services to cancer patients and their families, regardless of where they are being treated. In the last three years, Canopy has doubled its outreach to more than 1,000 guest encounters each month.

The 2024 luncheon featured seven-time Olympic gymnast Shannon Miller, who survived a rare ovarian cancer diagnosis; Christine Lee, MD, a gynecologic oncologist and breast cancer survivor; and Justin Kendrick, senior vice president and CEO of Memorial Hermann The Woodlands and Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital. All shared personal stories underscoring the prevalence of cancer in our lives and emphasizing the importance of early detection.

THE HEALING POWER OF PASSION

Calling on familiar phrases and tasks helped an avid dog lover make a remarkable recovery.

In January 2023, Alese Zeman suffered a traumatic brain injury in a serious car accident. Memorial Hermann Life Flight flew her to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center. Weeks later, including two in a coma, she was stable enough to move to TIRR Memorial Hermann for rehabilitation.

"My first memories were of seeing my brother and sister at TIRR," Alese recalled.

Alese's recovery is a powerful example of TIRR Memorial Hermann's personalized approach. The care teams tap into what matters most to patients, using their passions to motivate and inspire. For Alese, it was her job at a local animal shelter, caring for dogs. For others, it could be music, sports or something uniquely personal.

"Although she struggled with memory and word-finding, she lit up when talking about the shelter," said Annabelle Cole, the speech-language pathologist at TIRR Memorial Hermann. Her entire care team helped her overcome challenges by incorporating familiar work scenarios and even therapy dogs into her rehabilitation.

"I didn't have to think so hard when we were talking about dogs," she says.

Louis Nicolosi, her physical therapist, emphasized activities related to her job, helping her regain the strength and balance needed to work with energetic puppies. Thanks to these role-playing sessions, Alese made remarkable progress.

Lindsey Harik, PhD, clinical neuropsychologist and Neurobehavioral Program manager at TIRR Memorial Hermann, noted how Alese grew through her rehabilitation, facing her feelings of worry and despair while maintaining a survivor's mindset.

"Although she struggled with memory and word-finding, Alese lit up when talking about the shelter."

Annabelle Cole, speech-language pathologist, TIRR Memorial Hermann

After three weeks of inpatient care, Alese, mostly relying on a wheelchair, transferred to TIRR Memorial Hermann Outpatient Rehabilitation – Kirby Glen Center. Six weeks later, she could stand and walk, and soon she eased back into her work at the shelter, determined to get her life back to normal.

"I grew so much at TIRR Memorial Hermann," she says. "They inspired me to keep going."

On her birthday in August 2023, just seven months after her accident, Alese made a brave announcement. She intended to run the Houston Half Marathon in January to help raise money for the shelter.

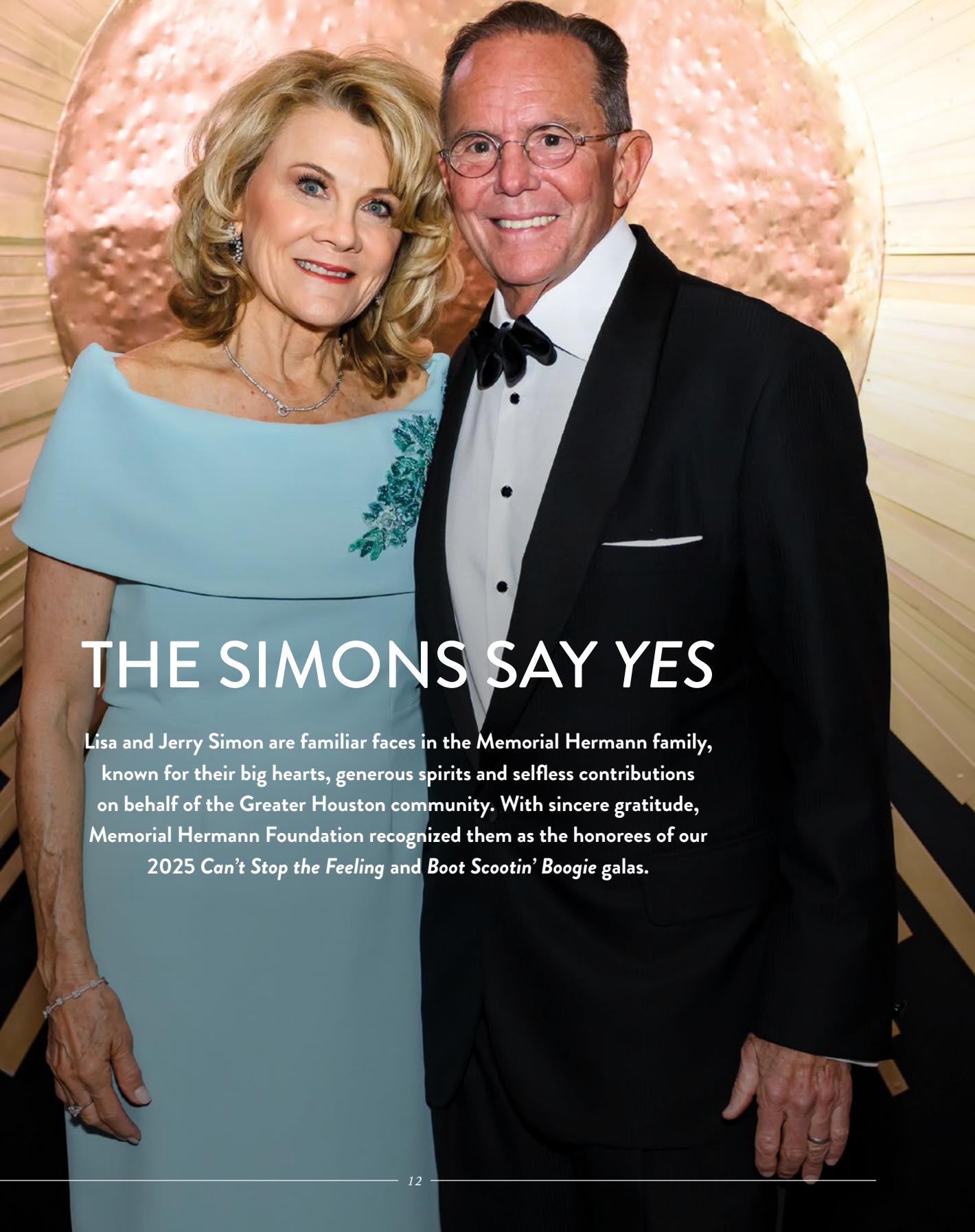
"I've never run that far in my life," she wrote on her Facebook page, "and my body is still working on connecting with my brain. But those animals mean everything to me. Today, I believe in myself!"

Alese completed the half marathon that day, proving to herself she can still do great things.

"I didn't have to think so hard when we were talking about dogs."

Alese experienced the extraordinary trifecta that is Memorial Hermann trauma care: Memorial Hermann Life Flight to Memorial Hermann-TMC to TIRR Memorial Hermann, and back to the life she loves.





THE SIMONS SAY YES

Lisa and Jerry Simon are familiar faces in the Memorial Hermann family, known for their big hearts, generous spirits and selfless contributions on behalf of the Greater Houston community. With sincere gratitude, Memorial Hermann Foundation recognized them as the honorees of our

2025 *Can't Stop the Feeling* and *Boot Scootin' Boogie* galas.

Lisa Simon is a dynamo, always ready to serve and happy to promote the doctors, nurses, teams and leaders who make miracles happen at Memorial Hermann.

Her 25-year commitment to the Memorial Hermann Foundation Board and recent appointment to the Memorial Hermann Health System Board reflect a legacy of leadership that has shaped the health and well-being of our community in profound and lasting ways.

As a Foundation board member, Lisa for decades has guided initiatives that support countless lifesaving programs across the system. Her dedication has helped ensure these critical services evolve and grow to reach those who need them most.

"I love Memorial Hermann," says Lisa. "It's been a privilege and a pleasure to serve for so many years, and we are making a difference."

"I can't think of anyone more deserving than Lisa and Jerry as honorees. They are constantly giving, and so unselfishly."

Nina Hendee

Lisa's impact on Memorial Hermann is rooted not only in her philanthropic endeavors but in the strategic vision she brings to every role she assumes. As chairman of Morris Strategic Investments and president of the Joella and Stewart Morris Foundation, Lisa leads with integrity and insight.



Left: Lisa and Jerry Simon, in front of the recognition wall at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, where Lisa's name appears as a Memorial Hermann Foundation Lifetime Board Member.

Right: Lisa and Jerry Simon, with Lisa's son, Glenn Clements Jr., and her father, Stewart Morris, celebrated the opening of the Susan and Faye Sarofim Pavilion, the lobby of which is named after Lisa's deceased parents, Joella and Stewart Morris.

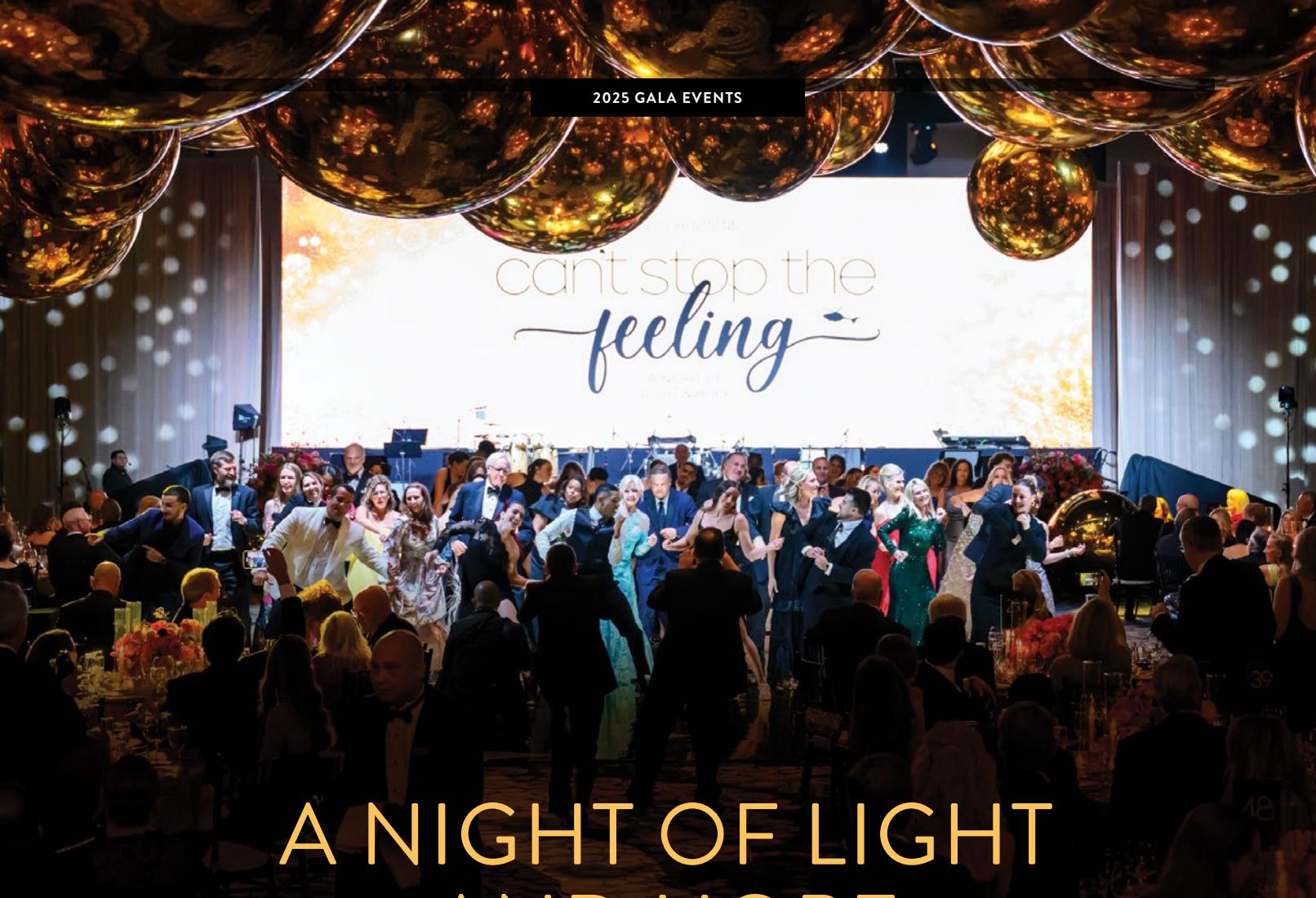
"We are so proud of Lisa and Jerry. They do so much for Memorial Hermann. We love them!"

Jo Lynn and Gregg Falgout

Lisa has served her alma mater, Houston Christian University, and made lasting contributions to civic life through long-standing roles with organizations like the Uptown Houston Board and the Colonial Dames of America.

Likewise, Jerry has a long history of giving back to the community he loves. Together, this inseparable duo's impact on health care delivery, access and innovation has been game-changing for the community we serve.

Memorial Hermann President and CEO David Callender, MD, spoke highly of the Simons at the recent *Can't Stop the Feeling* gala in their honor, saying, "Lisa and Jerry are true champions of health who go above and beyond so that our community can thrive."



2025 GALA EVENTS

A NIGHT OF LIGHT AND HOPE

Nonstop fun and surprises inspired serious support of more than \$4 million for Memorial Hermann Life Flight.

It began with a man performing a backflip. That led to a flash mob performance featuring gala chairs Cheryl Boblitt King and Bill King, along with members of the Foundation board, the Memorial Hermann Executive Leadership team, and President and CEO David Callender, MD, himself, all strutting their well-rehearsed dance moves to the delight of honorees Lisa and Jerry Simon and 450 guests in attendance at Hilton America's Houston.

This annual event is Memorial Hermann Foundation's largest fundraiser. This year, our generous donors raised more than \$4 million, which is earmarked to support the vital expansion of the Life Flight fleet. The evening included a wonderful dinner prepared by Chef Aaron Bludorn and lively entertainment, as well as a very special tribute to Memorial Hermann Health System Board Chair Stacy Methvin, who passed away in March of this year.



2025 GALA EVENTS



Wynne Snoots, Aimee Snoots



Jason Johnson, Stacy Johnson



Jerry Simon, Lisa Simon



Roland Garcia, Karen Garcia, Demetra Jones, Frank Jones



Bill Gutknecht, Christine Falgout-Gutknecht, Jo Lynn Falgout, Gregg Falgout



Gwen Emmett, Ed Emmett



Dr. Jamie McCarthy, Suzanne McCarthy, Valerie Golden, Sam Golden



Nick Nagurski, Alvin Abraham



Nina Hendee, Lisa Simon, Rosanna Blalock, Suzie Johnson



Melissa Juneau, Amalia Stanton



BOOT SCOOTIN' BOOGIE

Embracing our Western theme, guests tipped their hats and kicked up their heels to support Life Flight.

For the more casual of our spring gala affairs, hundreds of Foundation friends gathered in their best rodeo-season style at The Revaire. The gala honored Lisa and Jerry Simon for their many years of philanthropic support for Memorial Hermann and the Greater Houston community.

Addressing the crowd, Anne Neeson, the Foundation's executive vice president and CEO, spoke about the Simons' constant presence. "At every turn, Lisa and Jerry Simon are with Memorial Hermann," she said, "routinely giving of their time, treasure and leadership."

Cheryl Boblitt King and Bill King chaired this boot scootin' evening, which raised gala funds to support the Memorial Hermann Life Flight fleet.

Alec King, executive vice president and CFO of Memorial Hermann Health System, acknowledged Life Flight's importance at the event. "When every second counts, Life Flight can land within minutes and provide your loved one with lifesaving care," he said. "Flying over 4,300 missions a year, it's an unmatched excellence that carries over into everything we do."

Angela Cotie, Ken Cotie



Michelle Fraga, Stephen Fraga



Cheryl Boblitt King, Bill King



Alec King, Lacey King, Allison Bell, Cape Bell

LIFE, INTERRUPTED AND TRANSFORMED

**With one false step, Mark could have lost everything.
Instead, he has everything that matters to him.**

In May 2016, Mark fell down the stairs at home, suffering a severe C2 spinal cord injury. Life Flight answered the call and provided in-flight care en route to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center. Mark was paralyzed and couldn't breathe on his own. After four weeks of stabilizing medical care, he transferred to TIRR Memorial Hermann for rehabilitation.

"When my dad arrived, he could barely move and was still on a ventilator," recalls his daughter, Kaitlyn Padgett.

TIRR Memorial Hermann's nationally recognized ventilator-weaning program boasts a success rate of over 97%. To begin, respiratory therapists, physical and occupational therapists, and adaptive technology specialists worked to create a personalized care plan that included his whole family. In two weeks, Mark was able to breathe on his own again.

Mark's rehabilitation involved more than therapy sessions. Independence and self-sufficiency are important to him and were always his goal.

"I wanted a manual wheelchair, and my therapists respected that," Mark says. "I was able to make my own decisions, and they had so much patience teaching my children to be my caregivers."

He also eagerly embraced assistive technologies, including an eye gaze system that helps translate eye movements on a computer screen into written communication.

"TIRR Memorial Hermann does amazing work. They gave me back my independence, my family and my future."

Mark

Mark steadily progressed through inpatient and outpatient phases, including therapy at two TIRR Memorial Hermann outpatient facilities, gaining trunk control and arm movement. Today, he enjoys spending time with his kids and 11—soon to be 12—grandchildren. Mark also serves in a large volunteer role, which is very meaningful to him.

Mark's experience reminds us that life can change in an instant. It also serves as a testament to the power of possibilities when family and exceptional trauma and rehabilitation specialists work together.

"What happened to me could happen to anyone," says Mark. "TIRR Memorial Hermann does amazing work. They gave me back my independence, my family and my future."





POWERING POSSIBILITIES

Through their visionary support, our Heroes in Health amplify Memorial Hermann's work to improve maternal health outcomes through innovative programs for underserved women and babies.

We celebrate these extraordinary community members for their especially generous annual gifts.

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